

REMARKS

Claims 15-25 are all the claims pending in the present application. In summary, the Examiner maintains the same rejections of claims 15-22, rejects most recently added claims 23-25 over the same reference applied against claims 15-22, and adds a few new arguments in the *Response to Arguments* section of the Office Action on pages 2-4. Specifically, claims 15-25 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as allegedly being anticipated by Colosso (US Patent No. 6,169,976).

With respect to independent claims 15, 18, 21, and 22, Applicant amends these claims, as indicated herein, to recite that the encryption key and a content player is sent to the customer (support for this amendment can be found on page 10, lines 6-16 of present specification). Nowhere does Colosso disclose that an encryption key and a content player is sent to a customer.

Applicant submits that dependent claims 16, 17, 19-20, and 23-25 are patentable at least by virtue of their respective dependencies from independent claims 15, 18, and 21.


In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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